

## House Resolution 1468

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Warrick Dunn for his outstanding achievements as a professional football  
2 player and humanitarian and inviting him to appear before the House of Representatives; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Warrick Dunn was the oldest of six children growing up with a single mom who  
5 worked endless hours as a Baton Rouge police officer to care for her family; and

6 WHEREAS, during his senior year in high school, Warrick Dunn's mother was killed in the  
7 line of duty, leaving him to care for his younger siblings; and

8 WHEREAS, despite his many hardships, Warrick Dunn went on to become a first round NFL  
9 draft pick by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1997 and he was named NFL Rookie of the Year  
10 by *Football News*, *Pro Football Weekly*, and *Sports Illustrated* and he signed with the Atlanta  
11 Falcons in March of 2002; and

12 WHEREAS, despite suffering serious injuries, Warrick Dunn plays football with exceptional  
13 game-breaking speed, averaging 52 receptions per season in his six-year career, reaching the  
14 1,000-yard rushing plateau two times, in 2000 and 1998, and rushing for 927 yards in his first  
15 season in Atlanta; and

16 WHEREAS, Warrick Dunn's mother was killed before she was able to realize the American  
17 dream of owning her own home and Warrick Dunn, determined to keep his mother's dream  
18 alive, established a program called the "Homes for the Holidays" to assist single mothers in  
19 owning their first home; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2002, in an effort to expand the program, he established the Warrick Dunn  
21 Foundation, which has helped 52 single mothers and 135 children in Atlanta, Baton Rouge,

1 and Tampa obtain their dream of home ownership; and for this service and many others, he  
2 received the *Sporting News* 2005 "Good Guys" award; and

3 WHEREAS, this outstanding hero of extraordinary talent is dedicated to providing  
4 opportunities for economically-disadvantaged single parents and children and it is  
5 appropriate for this body to recognize such a hero who has acted with extraordinary  
6 compassion and generosity for his community.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
8 this body hereby recognizes Mr. Warrick Dunn for his extraordinary football career and his  
9 outstanding record of public service and invites him to appear before the House of  
10 Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker for the purposes of being  
11 recognized by and addressing the House of Representatives and receiving an appropriate  
12 copy of this resolution.